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SUBJECT: VISIT TO INDONESIA OF NEW ZEALAND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

1. NEW ZEALAND DEPUTY PM BRIAN TALBOYS VISITED INDONESIA
APRIL 1-4, MEETING WITH WIDE RANGE OF SENIOR GOI OFFICIALS
INCLUDING PRESIDENT SUHARTO, FONMIN MALIK, DEFMIN PANGGABEAN,
AND PLANNING MINISTER WIDJOJO. ACCORDING NZ DCM ALLIZON
STOKES, TALBOYS VISIT WAS PART OF TOUR THROUGH ASEAN CAPTIALS
TO CEMENT RELATIONS OF NEW NZ GOVERNMENT WITH ORGANIZATION.
TALBOYS WAS HIGHLY SATISFIED WITH RECEPTION HE RECEIVED AND
FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH GOI LEADERSHIP. FOLLOWING ARE
NOTEWORTHY TOPICS OF CONVERSATION.

2. ASEAN: TALBOYS HAD IMPRESSION GOI LEADERSHIP ENTIRELY
SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF BALI SUMMIT AND KUALA LUMPUR
ECONOMIC MEETING. WIDJOJO WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO SUPPORT
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CONCEPT OF LARGE ASEAN PROJECT IN EACH COUNTRY, A MORE

FAVORABLE STANCE THAN TALBOYS HAD EXPECTED. TALBOYS OFFERED NO SPECIAL NZ ASSISTANCE TO ASEAN AND NONE WAS REQUESTED.

3. TIMOR: BY DESIGN TALBOYS DID NOT RAISE QUESTION, BUT SUHARTO, MALIK AND PANGGABEAN DID. SUHARTO SAID INTEGRATION INDO INDONEISA WOULD HAVE TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO AND "CONFIRMED" BY TIMORESE POPULACE, POSITION WHICH TALBOYS FOUND HEARTENING. MALIK DESCRIBED IN FAMILIAR TERMS PROCESS BY WHICH TIMOR INTEGRATION WOULD TAKE PLACE, BUT WAS NOTICEABLY VAGUE AS WHEN IN PROCESS UN OBSERVERS WOULD BE INVITED. PANGGABEAN SAID MILITARY SITUATION SATISFACTORY BUT THAT "MOPPING UP PHASE HAS NOT YET BEGUN." INDONESIANS DID NOT ASK NEW ZEALAND TO PARTICIPATE (BY REQUESTING CHANCE TO SPEAK) IN ANY SECURITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF TIMOR, FOR WHICH GNZ GRATEFUL.

4. SECURITY: PANGGABEAN SAID GOI VERY CONCERNED OVER SECURITY SITUATION IN THAILAND AND MALAYSIA. THERE IS AS YET NO EVIDENCE OF VIETNAMESE SUPPORT FOR INDONESIAN SUBVERSIVES OR OF WEAPONS ENTERING INDONESIA FROM VIETNAM.

5. INDONESIA-VIETNAM: MALIK SAID GOI NOT TOO UPSET OVER HANOI'S ANTI-ASEAN STATEMENTS, SINCE NORTH VIETNAMESE STILL RATHER EXCITABLE. HANOI HAS SAID IT HOPES FOR A DIALOGUE MALIK CONTINUED, AND HAS INDICATED INTEREST IN BUYING INDONESIAN OIL. INDONESIA'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO HANOI (HARDI) IS PURSUING MATTER.

6. INDONESIAN-NZ RELATIONS: TALBOYS MADE CLEAR THAT, GIVEN NZ'S PRESENT FINANCIAL SITUATION, HE COULD NOT DISCUSS INCREASED ECONOMIC OR MILITARY ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME. INDONESIANS INDICATED THEY UNDERSTOOD. BILATERAL TRADE BALANCE IS MUCH IN NZ'S FAVOR, AND TALBOYS HAD EXPECTED HOSTS TO SUGGEST NZ BUY INDONESIAN OIL, BUT THIS DID NOT HAPPEN.
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